

The Joseph Whitaker School

An Academy specialising in Sport and Performing Arts



Monday 17 September 2019

To: Parents/Carers of Students in
Years 11, 12 and 13

Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Scheme 2018 / 2019

As part of the Joseph Whitaker School extra-curricular activities, we run a highly successful Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. It is an internationally recognised award and attracts many thousands of participants worldwide.

The scheme promotes self-confidence, self-improvement, team building, time management and many other vital life skills. The Gold Award is available to all students who are 16 on or before Monday 12th November 2018 (Including direct entrants who have not participated in Bronze & Silver). However, students who are working towards their Silver Award, must ensure that the complete award is signed off before commencing the Gold Award.

To support the launch of the DofE Awards we will be holding a launch evening on Monday 1st October 2018, Main Hall, 19.00 start. This will give you all of the information and allow you to ask questions about the award.

Monday 1st October 2018, Main Hall, 19.00

We will be running our annual Gold UK award which will be based in different areas of the UK, which will include the Peak District, Snowdonia, Yorkshire Dales & the Lake District.

The cost of the complete UK Award will be **£370.00** per student which includes: -

4 Days Training	3 Day Practice Weekend
5 Day Qualifying	Award Registration
Campsite Fees	Transport to Practice & Qualifying
1 Route Card Planning Workshop	Insurance
Satellite Tracking	Digital Mapping Software

If your child is interested in taking part in this scheme, please complete and return the attached documentation (payment will be returned if documents are not submitted) to Student Services: -

Wednesday 3rd October 2018

An initial deposit of £60.00 per person must be received by Wednesday 3rd October 2018. All payments must be made through Parent Pay.

Payment Date	Amount Required
Wednesday, 3 rd October 2018	£60.00 (Non-refundable)
Monday, 28 th January 2019	£100.00
Monday, 25 th March 2019	£100.00
Monday, 3 rd June 2019	£110.00



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Refund Policy: -



Length of time between DofE Qualifying Expedition and the receipt of notification in writing of withdrawal	Percentage of Expedition Fee
30 Days or less	100%
During or following the practice expedition but more than 30 days before qualifying expedition	75%
Withdrawal between registration and Training	£60.00 non-refundable deposit

Expedition Dates

Element	Date	Day	Start Time	Finish Time	Location
1: Parents Launch Event	1st October 2018	Monday	19.00	20.00	Main School Hall
2: EdofE Session	15th October 2018	Monday	15.15	16.15	Library
3: Gold Kit Check	13th November 2018	Tuesday	15.15	16.15	Squash Courts
4: Gold Training 1	17th November 2018	Saturday	09.00	Sleep	Peak District
5: Gold Training 1	18th November 2018	Sunday	Sleep	15.00	Peak District
6: Route Card Planning	8th December 2018	Saturday	09.00	16.00	6th Form Centre
7:Gold Kit Check	26th February 2019	Tuesday	15.15	16.15	Squash Courts
8: Gold Training 2	1st March 2019	Friday	15.30	Sleep	Snowdonia
9: Gold Training 2	2nd March 2019	Saturday	09.00	Sleep	Snowdonia
10:Gold Training 2	3rd March 2019	Sunday	Sleep	15.00	Snowdonia
11:Gold Kit Check	7th May 2019	Tuesday			
12: Gold Practice Travel	10th May 2019	Friday		Depart School 15.15	Yorkshire Dales
13: Gold Practice Day 1	11th May 2019	Saturday	Sleep	Sleep	Yorkshire Dales
14: Gold Practice Day 2	12th May 2019	Sunday	Sleep	Sleep	Yorkshire Dales
15: Gold Practice Day 3	13th May 2019	Monday	Sleep	20.00	Yorkshire Dales
16:Gold Kit Check	9th July 2019	Tuesday	15.15	16.15	Squash Courts
17: Gold Qualifying Build Up	15 th July 2019	Monday	Depart School 10.00 Transport Provided	Sleep	Lake District
18: Gold Qualifying	16 th July 2019	Tuesday	Sleep	Sleep	Lake District
19: Gold Qualifying	17 th July 2019	Wednesday	Sleep	Sleep	Lake District
20: Gold Qualifying	18 th July 2019	Thursday	Sleep	Sleep	Lake District
21: Gold Qualifying	19 th July 2019	Friday	Sleep	20.00	Lake District



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Note:

- Parents will be expected to provide transport to the training events in the Peak District
- Kit checks will be added on the week prior to expeditions but the day will be dependent upon school events

To ensure parents receive all the information promptly, all correspondence will be sent to the email address stated on the 'Participant Registration Form 2019.' Please ensure this address is checked regularly for updates/joining instructions etc.

Your child must be able to commit to **ALL** of the dates above to take part in the award.

If your child is interested in participating in the award or you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Chris Phillips
Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator
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Encs:

- ✓ Participant Registration Form 2019 (To be returned to Student Services)
- ✓ Gold 19 EV4 Parental Consent Form (To be returned to Student Services)
- ✓ Gold 2019 DofE Contract (To be returned to Student Services)
- ✓ Kit List Download from: http://www.dofeshopping.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Expedition_Kit_List.pdf



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